

MORGAN EVANS

LEHI Centennial History 1850-1950

November 21, 1863, Morgan Evans was born. He was the second son of Israel and Matilda Ann Thomas Evans. He was a grandson of David Evans, first bishop of Lehi. Like most children of that time, he was given every opportunity his parents could afford, especially in education. He attended the Lehi schools and later the Brigham Young University.

He had a cheerful and happy disposition. He loved all outdoor life and sports. Besides managing a successful farm, he found time for other important positions in civic life.

He was a member of Lehi's first baseball team. After being a member of Lehi's irrigation company, he was elected president in 1895 and held this office for several years. Mr. Evans was 'One of the founders of the Lehi Commercial Club, and was later chosen president.

He was well liked as manager of the dance hall; was a member of the Lehi Education board serving four terms and was Lehi's representative 'On the Alpine School board; was deputy game commissioner, serving under Warden Chambers; was director of the local farmers organizations; was chairman of the Republican party; and was a director of the State Bank of Lehi.

He married Emma F. Southwick, a daughter of William and Savina Larson Southwick, January 29, 1890, in Salt Lake City. Later they were married for time and eternity in the Salt Lake Temple. To them were born nine children eight of whom were reared to adults: Guy, Aaron, Frederica, Ruel, Noble, Eula, Hortense, and Edith.

He died April 26 1912. The day of his funeral the school doors were closed and the flag hung at half mast in respect to his work and memory,